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## LOCOMOBILE HEAD RECEIVES MEN DELEGATED TO ASK FOR EIGHT-HOUR WORKING DAY

### LABOR UNIONS OF CITY ARE UNIT IN SUPPORT OF 8-HOUR DAY MOVE

**Central Labor Union Takes Prompt Action to Condemn Mayor Wilson's High Handed Action in Recent Arrests of Men At Workers' Noon Day Meeting.**

Union labor in Bridgeport is unanimous in its support of the movement of the International Association of Machinists to have the eight hour day the rule in Bridgeport factories.

Besides roundly condemning Mayor Wilson for his efforts to rob the laborer of his rights to free speech, the Central Labor Union, at its meeting Saturday night, plainly set forth its position.

Although they feel that the manufacturers of Bridgeport will soon of their own volition create the eight-hour standard, they are nevertheless ready to stand by every legitimate move of the machinists or other crafts to gain the eight-hour working day.

The recent high handed action of Mayor Wilson was unanimously condemned by the grand of the Machinists' union for an eight hour day was endorsed unanimously and a committee of five members of the Central body was appointed to draft and present resolutions before the common council tonight protesting against the orders that have been given the police by Mayor Wilson and asking that they be rescinded.

The committee appointed to appear before the common council in protest are: Jasper McLevy, Carl Lang, James Dunn, E. P. Webster and Julius Seifert.

The meeting was well attended, nearly every member being seated, and from the beginning presented the strongest feeling among all classes of organized labor against the action of arresting two such well known labor men as George Bowen, business agent of the machinists, and Frederick Cederholm, whose work in the council had done much for labor and the city.

Discussion on the right of Mayor Wilson ran high, with some members talking impeachment. It was the consensus that Mayor Wilson had no right under the constitution of the

### CARRANZA RESENTS A. B. C. PEACE PLAN; EXPELS MINISTERS

**Guatemalan Representative Ordered From Country, and Brazilian Envoy Leaves Before He is Driven Out—Action Muddles Peace Plans.**

Washington, Aug. 9.—Carranza officials here said today the Brazilian minister at Mexico City, the only diplomatic representative of the United States has in Mexico, has been withdrawn by his government because General Carranza was prepared to expell him from the country as he did Senor Ortega, the Guatemalan minister.

The Brazilian minister reported to the state department today that no reason had been given for the expulsion of Senor Ortega and that he himself intended to sail Wednesday from Vera Cruz on a French liner for the United States.

**Resents A. B. C. Plans**

State department advices today said that Carranza was making hurried preparations to move his capital from Vera Cruz to Mexico City.

American naval commanders at Vera Cruz have been ordered to place a

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### TURKISH BATTLESHIP SUNK; TEUTONIC ALLES IN PRAGA

#### LOCAL FIRM TO LAND CONTRACT FOR NEW BRIDGE

**Latest Figures Show That Toole & Sunderlin Are Really Lowest Bidders.**

**WILL AWARD JOB AT MEETING TOMORROW**

**Mayor Wilson Wants Design That Will Cost Thousands More Than Others.**

Toole & Sunderlin of Bridgeport appear to be the low bidders on "Design A" for the construction of the new Stratford avenue bridge according to the tabulation of the bids that Engineer Greiner and Clerk C. A. Blackham of the bridge commission have made. The bids were opened in the common council chamber Saturday afternoon. Although on the face of the figures the Empire Construction Co. seemed to be the lowest bidder, Clerk Blackham said today that the local firm's lower bid on the approaches and the extras made up the difference.

The Empire Construction Co. appears to be the lowest bidder on the "Design B" bridge and Holbrook, Cabot & Rollins the lowest of "Design C."

"Design A," which has comfort stations, operators houses and a landing boat for small boats on the south side of the bridge just west of what is now the club house of the Mohawk Yacht club, is the type favored by Mayor Wilson. This type is also favored by several of the bridge commissioners

and the engineer, although the cost is greatly in excess of the \$400,000 bond issue that the citizens voted. The commission had hoped to have the Connecticut Co. pay \$100,000 toward the construction of the bridge. The Connecticut Co. is objecting and wants to pay only one-sixteenth of the cost of the bridge.

Clerk Blackham said today that he, with Engineer Greiner would present the bids once more, before presenting the tabulated figures at the meeting of the commission, which will be held at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon when the contract will undoubtedly be awarded. He said although the bid of Toole & Sunderlin appeared high on the removal of the old bridge, the comfort stations and approaches were much lower than the other bidders.

#### DISPUTE RIGHT OF PROBATE COURT IN FEENEY ESTATE

Whether Patrick Feeney was a resident of Bridgeport when he made his will and whether the probate court of this district has jurisdiction in distributing his property are questions which were before Judge Paul Miller in the probate court today. The testator had been living in Willimantic but it is claimed came to make his home with his niece, Mrs. Margaret Murphy, of Jane street, in this city, some time ago.

When in his last illness he made a will in which he bequeathed about \$500 he had in a savings bank and a life insurance policy of \$800 to Mrs. Murphy. When the will was drawn the scrivener wrote into it that Mr. Feeney was of Willimantic. His nephew, Patrick Feeney of Hartford, is contesting the admission of the will in the probate court of Bridgeport on the ground that his uncle was a resident of Willimantic and the will should be probated in the court of that district.

Attorney William T. Macdonald of Hartford, appeared today for Patrick Feeney, the nephew. Attorney E. P. Nobbs and Daniel Brennan represented Mrs. Murphy. The latter, her sister, Miss Katherine Feeney, with four former husbands, all testified today that Feeney was a resident of Bridgeport at the time of his death and that prior to his death he had repeatedly said that he had come here to make his home and that he expected to remain with Mrs. Murphy until he died, and then leave to her all he possessed.

Attorney Macdonald confined his argument solely to the question of jurisdiction.

Former German Warship is Sunk By Submarine of Allies—Loss is Acknowledged By Constantinople, But Details Are Lacking—Suburb of Warsaw Falls.

**Teutonic Allies Push Advance in Russia and Czar's Army is Parted By Successful Drive—Settlement of War to Come From East, Berlin Believes.**

Constantinople, Aug. 9.—The Turkish battleship Kheyr-Ed-Din Barbarossa, of 9,900 tons displacement and formerly the German warship Kurfurst Friedrich Wilhelm, has been sunk by a submarine of the entente powers, according to an official announcement issued today by the Turkish government.

A majority of the officers and men composing the crew of the battleship were saved.

**Germans Take Praga**  
Berlin, Aug. 9.—Praga, the suburb of Warsaw on the eastern bank of the Vistula, has been occupied by German troops, according to an official statement issued today by the German army headquarters staff.

The statement says, regarding the situation near Warsaw:

"Praga, opposite Warsaw, has been captured and our troops are advancing further towards the east."

"In Warsaw, a few thousand prisoners were taken. In the southeastern theatre, the army of General Von Woyrsch has crossed the Garwolin Kurów north of Ivangorod. During pursuit of a left wing army group, General Field Marshal Von Mackenhausen forced the Russians back across the Wehr. The center and right wings and approaching the line of Ostrow-Gans-Kuchrusk position, on the Bug."

**Russian Army, Parted  
By Drive of Germans,  
Facing Grave Danger**

Headquarters of the Austrian Army in Poland, via London, Aug. 3, 11 a.m.—The defeat of the Russians on Sunday in the fighting on the line between Lubartow and Mischow resulted in driving two groups apart, leaving a large gap between. Russian troops fighting north of Lubartow fled north across the Vepzr at Lessekowice about 12 miles north of Lubartow, while those around Mischow fled northwest to reach the Vepzr by way of Baranow.

It is impossible at this moment to determine how serious a danger for the Russians this breach may prove, but probably they are amply protected against dangerous inroad upon their line of retreat by troops withdrawing from Ivangorod along the highway running parallel with the north bank of the Vepzr to Radzyn. In resisting the Austrian advance the Russians made a desperate attack at Mischow, while the retreat of the left wing over the Vepzr at Lessekowice was a rout of pronounced character.

**SETTLEMENT OF WAR  
TO COME FROM EAST,  
BELIEF IN GERMANY**

London, Aug. 9.—Russia having rejected what in England is regarded as a bona fide proposal made by the German empire for peace with a part of Poland traded for Galicia, the great struggle in the east continues and there is no indication of an immediate general offensive by either side in the west, the struggle of the Russian forces to shake themselves free of the Austro-German grip remains the chief feature in the war news, with an added interest in the Dardanelles operations.

The Gallipoli field will be closely watched because of its possible bearing on the Balkan situation, again

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#### WOMEN HERE TO HELP CAUSE OF EIGHT-HOUR DAY

**National Organizers of A. F. of L. Arrive—Machinists Complete Plans.**

**WANT MORE WAGES  
IN 8-HOUR SHOPS**

**Will Notify U. S. Contract  
Plants of Expected Increase.**

Labor leaders in this vicinity made plans yesterday to extend their activities throughout all the New England states, New Jersey, New York and Ohio.

Formal notice will be served on the officials of the Lake Torpedo Boat Co. plant that an increase in wages is demanded there.

William H. Johnston, president of the International Association of Machinists will come to this city tomorrow to take personal charge of the situation and he is expected to remain here through the crisis.

The first Federation of Labor organizers who have come to this city for active work, all during the labor unrest, will be Miss Mary Scully, general organizer of women for the American Federation of Labor, and Miss Margaret Ryan. They are expected here late today.

As soon as the Misses Ryan and Scully become thoroughly acquainted with the local situation they will begin the work of organizing the women in the Bridgeport factories. There are many thousands of women and girl workers who are poorly paid and overworked.

No let-up in the plan of campaign formulated by the machinists for general demands throughout the city will be made. The leaders have a list, in which each factory to be affected has its place, and unless sudden action is taken, all will wait their turn before they are coped with.

The R. P. K. Pressed Metal Co., at 290 Howard avenue is under strike conditions. Pickets were placed at the factory and it was announced that a strike is on there, following the attempt of the company to open shop this morning.

Carl Siemon, who is directing the company said today that his factory is being run and that most of the men have returned. He also said no strike had been called thereby the machinists. This is admitted by officers of the Machinists' union, who however, assert that a strike is on there because conditions within the factory

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**Johnston, Keppler and Others In Conference At Atlantic Hotel.**

J. J. Keppler, international vice president of the Machinists' union; John A. Johnston, international vice president of the Structural Ironworkers' union; Samuel Carlisle, state organizer of the Ironworkers; and George J. Bowen, business agent of the local Machinists' union, began a conference this afternoon at the Atlantic hotel.

Mr. Keppler, prior to the conference, declined to state the nature of the meeting, other than that it was "to clear up a matter of detail in the local situation." He did not say what plants were interested in his visit, but remarked that the matters under consideration would not result in trouble.

"We are not here on the Locomobile company situation," said Mr. Keppler. "That matter is being handled most satisfactorily by the local."

Mr. Keppler says the outlook for the eight-hour day is bright in other cities in New England. He leaves for New York and New Jersey this afternoon and will return to this state later in the week, he said.

### PRESIDENT DAVIS WILL LEAVE WAGE QUESTION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Committee of Five Spends Half Hour in Conference With Head of Big Plant—Conciliatory Spirit Marks Gathering—No Need to Become Excited, Says Davis After Meeting.**

S. T. Davis, Jr., president of the board of directors of the Locomobile Company of America, told a committee representing his 2,400 employees, today, that he could not give a definite answer to the demands of the workers for an eight hour day with the present wages paid at present for 10 hours, until the board of directors had considered the proposition. Another meeting with the committee of employees is expected Thursday.

Davis courteously received the sub-committee of the workers of the big factory in his private office. This was unexpected as it was anticipated the officials of the Locomobile Company would not accept the vote taken on Saturday night as an expression of opinion of all the workers.

This attitude on the part of the company is said to have arisen from a tour of the plant made some time ago by President Davis in person when he stopped at various machines and asked the men how they felt about accepting the bonus. At that time the majority of the workers, fearing the displeasure of the officials, had told the head of the concern that "they would be willing to accept the bonus offer."

Today the committee were ushered into the main office without delay at nine o'clock. They were seated and Davis at once came to the point by asking for the demands that would be made. This was presented in written form, asking that an eight hour day be at once granted without a decrease in the present scale of wages paid for a ten hour day.

President Davis asked for much information as to the real feeling of the employees towards the bonus offer, and was told just how conditions in the shop stood. He also asked about other minor matters, seemingly wishing to get a full understanding of what the actual shop conditions were as seen by the men.

He intimated that the company wished to do everything possible for the welfare of the men, as far as possible under present conditions. It was asserted by President Davis that his company would have preferred that the men try the bonus plan, but as that seemed distasteful, the company stood ready at this time to grant the eight-hour day without the raise in wages which it would entail.

The committee expressed itself as only being messengers for the larger committee of fifty which had been selected from the 25 departments in the shop and must necessarily present the demands without alteration.

President Davis then told the men that such an increase in wages would naturally have to have consideration by the company, intimating that a meeting of the board of directors of

### HIGH OFFICIALS OF MACHINISTS MEETING HERE

When asked for an expression on the situation S. T. Davis, Jr., president of the Locomobile Company of America, said:

"I don't see any reason for anyone to get excited or to lose his temper, for there is no issue of principle about the matter. Several days ago voluntarily increased the wages of the employees through a profit sharing plan. Immediately after, upon learning that there was a division of opinion among the employees as to whether they preferred the increased pay or shorter hours, the company put the matter entirely up to the employees, stating that business conditions warranted it in granting them advantages that had been impossible in the past, and that they could have their choice. I don't see how the company could go much further and the employees seem to feel the same about it. So far as I can discern everyone in the plant is satisfied and happy."

"Were you waited upon by a committee today?" was asked.

"Yes, a committee of five employees conferred with me this morning, and we talked the situation over at considerable length. It was a pleasant meeting in which we talked very freely. I was pleased to meet the men, for through personal contact it was possible to gain a better idea of

their viewpoint and wishes."

"What was the outcome of the meeting?"

"We shall discuss the subject again Thursday. In the meantime, in deference to the committee, all information as to details must come from them, unless we should join hands in issuing a statement. This is only proper as, primarily, the subject is their matter, they having taken the initiative in bringing about the conference."

**Abuses Policeman,  
And Is Arrested**

Charles Ward, aged 26, of 519 Main street, wouldn't get out of the way for Motorcycle Policeman Gorgas this afternoon after the latter had warned him about traffic regulations and threatened to "pull the badge off" Gorgas. Gorgas arrested him. He is charged with breach of the peace and abusive language and was released under \$15 bonds.

**WEATHER FORECAST**

Fair tonight and Tuesday; gentle to moderate west winds.